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Mr. Mike Ribordy
On-Scene Coordinator
Emergency Response Branch
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency
77 West Jackson Boulevard
Chicago, IL 60604

Dear Mr. Ribordy:

At the request of the Agency for Toxic Substances and Disease Registry (ATSDR), we have reviewed the text of the TN and Associates Site Assessment Report for the Schroud Property Site in Chicago, Illinois.

Based on the limited data and site description provided in the report, we conclude the site does not pose a public health hazard. Elevated levels of lead, chromium, and manganese are present in some of the on-site surface soil samples; however, it is not clear that persons are currently being exposed the surface soil.

If the site is to be developed for industrial-commercial use, we recommend that more samples be collected to better characterize the 55-acre site. If such sampling is conducted, chromium should be speciated into chromium III and chromium VI for better dose-response analysis.

Please let us know if you would like to have our evaluation provided in the form of an ATSDR health consultation. If you have further questions, please contact me at 217-782-5830.

Sincerely,

Ken Runkle

Environmental Health Specialist Illinois Department of Public Health

cc: Mark Johnson, ATSDR Region 5